

# ALL CHILDREN THRIVE CALIFORNIA (ACT-CA)

**Imagine** a city designed with **child well-being** at its center that fosters healing and resilience, so that all children, of all backgrounds, can thrive.

## THE CHALLENGE

Communities are trauma filled by design, not by accident.

The people, places, and laws that shape how our children live, play, learn, and grow are failing to meet the needs of California's children. Children from all incomes, races, and cultures are experiencing more adversities, which can result in poor health and fewer opportunities to thrive.



Nearly two-thirds (62%) of California adults report having had at least one traumatic adverse childhood experience (ACE).



Nearly one-fifth (17%) have experienced four or more ACEs.

**Traumas**—Adverse experiences, such as physical and emotional abuse, and neglect and household violence, can affect a child's emotional and physical well-being into adulthood.



**Community Traumas**—Are inflicted by economic hardship, community violence, poor housing quality, histories of racism, and ongoing inequity—put low-income individuals and people of color at greater risk.



# THE SOLUTION



- Transforms the people, places, and laws to improve child and family well-being.
  - Connects community members and youth to city officials, healthcare workers, educators, and service providers to design new ways for all children to thrive.
    - Builds teams of people and places who share their ideas and experiences to create effective solutions.

### THE HOW

All-Children Thrive-California is building new teams of people and places working together to improve child well-being. We are uniting city officials and community members, who know their cities best, to co-design solutions in ACT-CA's focus areas. By bringing new people together and all of them having an equal voice, we can heal the traumas of the past and transform our future.

### **ACT-CA Focuses on:**

Early childhood	Trauma-informed communities/ Adverse Childhood Experiences	Housing
Economic development	Youth innovation	Community data

## THE STEPS



**Engage communities** across the state.



Help communities assess their data to understand the root causes of child and community adversity.



Communities set goals, design a roadmap for success, and adopt plans for action.



communities learn together and develop new best practices for





### THE PARTNERS

Public Health Advocates, UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families & Communities, and Community Partners across California





## To learn more and get involved, contact: